

ATTACHMENT II

**LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND
MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SKYCELL SATELLITE TERMINAL
PROGRESS REPORT**

[February 26, 1999]

I. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:

Military Department/Office of Emergency Preparedness.

II. PROJECT TITLE:

Skycell Satellite Terminal.

III. PROJECT LEADER:

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IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

The mission of the Operations/Communications Division is to provide, maintain, and support a 24 hour alert and notification system which will provide fail-safe communications between the LOEP, parish Emergency Operation Centers (EOC), and other state and governmental agencies.

The need therefore, is for a fully integrated communication system for the transmission of voice, data, facsimile, and imaging operability to enhance the communication capability between the LOEP and all parishes Emergency Operation Center (EOC), state and other agencies.

The Skycell Satellite Terminal system will be a stand alone, yet portable tertiary communications platform, which will provide coverage approaching 100 % for operational units within Louisiana. The system will provide satellite terminal to satellite terminal voice, data, fax, broadcast, and video capabilities. The system is provided by American Mobile Satellite and is known as the "Skycell Satellite Terminal".

V. PROJECT STATUS:

A. Brief Summary.

Shortly after initial project award notification, we continued a very active Hurricane Season, with state and local Disaster Assistance being provided in the wake of Hurricane Georges aftermath.

Office of State Purchasing (OSP) issued Solicitation for Bids, Number 2094806 that will be publicly opened on March 1, 1999.

- B. Accomplishments.
 - 1. Finally, due to a number of bid processing issues, invitation for bids was issued on February 3, 1999.
 - 2. Coordinated through manufacturer representative for revised or superceded product numbers and submitted to OSP, February 1999.
- C. Problems Encountered/Action Taken or Planned.
 - 1. Initiated bid solicitation procedures in July 1998 in event of project funding.
 - 2. August 1998 received notification of Project Award by Information Technology Council.
 - 3. August 1998, Office of State Purchasing, issued Solicitation for Bid, Number 2081353.
 - 4. August 1998, Solicitation Number 2081353, cancelled to allow the additional items and services be included. Rebid as an agency term contract with revised specifications, requirements, terms, and conditions.
 - 5. Changes in specifications issued and submitted for rebid in November 1998.
 - 6. Addendum to be issued of rebid solicitation dated February 3, 1999. Supplier notified OSP of obsolescent product numbers.
- D. Major Milestones.

Implementation Plan:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Action</u>
Aug 98	Funding approval.
Aug 98	Issue Request for Proposal.
Nov 98	Reissued agency term contract, new specifications.
Feb 99	Bid for Solicitations, issued OSP.
Mar 99	Bids opened and contract awarded.

VI COST VS. BUDGET:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
A.	Equipment	\$544,000		\$544,000
B.	Software			
C.	Telecommunications			
D.	Professional/Contract Services			
E.	Other Costs			
	Total Project Cost	\$544,000		\$544,000

VII ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

Contract to be awarded in March 1999.